

*Celebrating the Life
of
Dr. Dolores M. Wright*



Sunrise

12/25/1927

Sunset

7/27/2025

Saturday, August 2, 2025

11:00 AM

New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

140 W. Maple Street

Jackson, MS 39203

Rev. Dr. Willie Tobias, Jr, Officiating

Obituary



Dolores Mitchell Wright was born in New Orleans, LA on December 25, 1927 to Clarence Mitchell and Louise Stampley. Although born in New Orleans, Dolores called herself a “naturalized” Mississippian because circumstances at key stages of her life brought her to Jackson, where much of her development, academic, religious—and romantic—were nurtured and brought to fruition.

Most of Dolores’ elementary education was received in New Orleans however she attended Smith Robertson Elementary School in the sixth grade and later attended and graduated from Lanier High School and Tougaloo College, where she received a B.A. in English. Shortly after graduation, Dolores moved to New York City, but in a few months returned home to be married to Harry L. Wright, a native Jacksonian, at New Mount Zion Baptist Church—where her family, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Turner and their two sons, Aaron and Larry, were already longtime members.

The couple returned to New York City and began their working careers: Mr. Wright, as Deputy Director of the Federal Government’s Office for Civil Rights; and Mrs. Wright, a teacher of High School English—a 28-year career from which she retired from in 1983. During her working years, Dolores also found time to earn two Master of Arts Degrees—one in the Teaching of English from Columbia University in New York City, and the other in Corporate and Political Communication from Fairfield University in Connecticut. She would later receive her third Master’s Degree, this one in Christian Education from Reformed Theological Seminary (Jackson, MS) and also become the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Humane Letters from Natchez College in Mississippi.

In June 1984, Dolores and Harry returned to Jackson and renewed their membership at New Mount Zion. After her husband’s untimely death in 1986, Dolores became even more involved in her church work. She would say that her major “job” there was Director of Youth Activities, but she sang (tenor) in the Inspirational Choir, taught Sunday School, After-School Tutoring, Leadership School, and Vacation Bible School. She was Assistant Teacher of the Bible Class and Corresponding Secretary for the Jackson District Congress of Christian Education (a group of 66 Baptist churches). Dolores also taught classes at several sessions of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention Congress of Christian Education.

Dolores was a dedicated supporter of her alma mater, Tougaloo College. An active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated - Beta Delta Omega Chapter, she was the first president of the sorority’s Foundation, CAP, Inc. Dolores was also a member and served as Historian for the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Central Mississippi Chapter and served on the board of the Association for the Preservation of Smith Robertson School and Alamo Theater.

Dolores M. Wright said that her energy and motivation come through the inspirational messages received at her church, and from the support of family and good friends. And she added, ***“When the good Lord shall require an account of my stewardship, I want to be able to give Him a good strong answer!”***

Order of Service

Sister Ida Berry, Mistress of Ceremony

Processional Minister(s) and Family

Selection New Mt. Zion Choir

Scripture Rev. Henry Pulliam

Prayer Rev. Herbert Broome

Solo Brother Malcolm Dodd

Reflections and Expressions 3 minutes please

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Beta Delta Omega Chapter Mrs. Murlene Terry Taylor

National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.
Central Mississippi Chapter Dr. LaVerne Gentry

As a Brother. Mr. Aaron Turner

Selection

Acknowledgements. Sister Ida Berry

Obituary *Read Silently* Soft Music

Selection New Mt. Zion Choir

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Willie Tobias, Jr.

Recessional

Acknowledgements

The family of Dr. Dolores Mitchell Wright would like to express sincere thanks for the many prayers, calls, cards, and other acts of kindness expressed to our family during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you. God gives us comfort in the form of family and friends. May His peace be with you.

The Turner family

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons/Trustees

Pallbearers

Christopher Chapman

Gregory Johnson

Malcolm Dodd

Michael Mance

Carey Fleming

Dennis McCollum, Sr.

Flower Bearers

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
New Mt. Zion Church Members & Friends

Interment

Garden Memorial Park Cemetery
8001 Highway 49 North
Jackson, Mississippi 39213

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